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# The LA SALLE EXPLORER

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## Fall Sports Outlook

**Men's Soccer:** The men's soccer team, with competition from the new conference and the Philadelphia Soccer Seven, faces many new challenges for the upcoming season. First, Head Coach Pat Farrell will have to replace the school's all-time leading goal scorer, Georg Montag (37 goals). However, Farrell won't have to look too far. Senior forward Jeff Van Tiem enters the season with 30 goals and a new record in his sights. Van Tiem led the Explorers last year with 19 goals and six assists.



**Women's Soccer:** The Explorers look to improve last season's 5-11-2 record, when nine of their losses were by two goals or less (including five one-goal losses). Senior tri-captains Laura Cesaro, Susan Guba and Jeannine Cridge will anchor La Salle for the 1992 season. Head Coach Betty Ann Kempf feels that this year's freshman class may be her best ever. With her seasoned veterans and talents and skills of her rookie class, Kempf is looking forward to a successful year.

**Field Hockey:** With 15 letterwinners returning from the 1991 squad, La Salle enters the 1992 season with high hopes and great expectations. The multi-talented seniors will be looked upon for their leadership to improve upon their 9-8-1 record of last year. Leading the way on attack is senior forward Kelli McGahey. McGahey has been the leading scorer for the past three years. Kelli's twin sister Kerri and Pam Russo should lend a hand on offense, along with providing consistent play in the backfield. Jen King will give depth and speed to the defense. Senior goalkeeper Michelle Richmond, who recorded a 90.9 save percentage and had a 1.15 goals against average as a junior, will anchor the 1992 team. Of the eighteen games scheduled, the Explorers are fortunate to be home for 12 outings.

**Volleyball:** The Explorers enter the 1992 season with a young, yet experienced team, perched to break the .500 barrier. First year Head Coach John Kunzier is looking to improve last year's finish of 16-20. Two of his top returners are only sophomores. In fact, the bulk of the 1992 squad is made up of second-year students. Connie Blades (Denton, MD) and Kristin Reilly (Port Jefferson, NY) head this talented class. As rookies, Blades averaged 7.6 assists while Reilly had 60 solo blocks and 63 assisted blocks. Also returning to the lineup for her final season is Eileen McKeogh who led the attack with a 2.6 kill average, a 2.9 dig average and 122 aces.



## LA SALLE INTRODUCES NEW LOGO

Along with joining a new conference, La Salle has also introduced a new logo. The former logo of a traditional "L" outlined in black has been changed to a flag-like symbol. The flag contains the old "L" with an Explorer in front of it. This new logo will be used throughout the upcoming year on all athletic publications.





## Allyson Sings The Blues

Allyson Blue, a 5'8" guard from Barnesville, Pennsylvania, will be medically redshirted for the 1992-93 basketball season. Blue tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her left knee during a summer league game. She had surgery in July and will undergo several months of rehabilitation to rebuild the strength in her knee.

Blue was expected to compete against fellow sophomore Cindy Pierce for the starting point-guard job vacated by all-time assist leader Mimi Harris. During Blue's freshman campaign, she scored a career-high 16 points versus Colgate in a 25-minute performance. She also had a stellar game against Loyola with 14 points (6-7 FG; 2-2 FT).

Head Coach John Miller looks for Blue to work hard in rehab and come back strong as a team leader in 1993.



## BIG 5 ACTION AT THE SPECTRUM

The 1992-93 men's basketball squad will take the floor of the Spectrum as part of two Philadelphia Big 5 doubleheaders. The first doubleheader will be held on December 15, 1992, featuring Penn vs. Villanova in the first game at 7:00 p.m. Rounding out the night will be La Salle vs. Temple at 9:00 p.m. The second twinbill is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 1993, featuring Penn vs. Temple and La Salle vs. St. Joseph's (times to be announced).

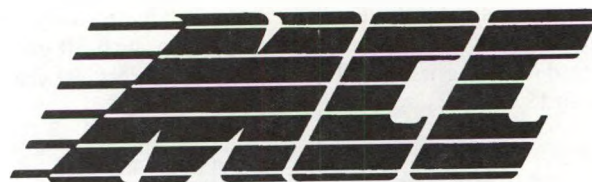
The Explorers finished 2-2 against Big 5 competition in 1991-92, splitting its two Spectrum games, beating Villanova 79-75 and losing to Pennsylvania 66-57.

In South Philadelphia this season, La Salle will look to avenge an 84-80 overtime loss at St. Joseph's, but hopes to repeat as winners against Temple. After being down by 22 points in the first half against the Owls, the Explorers came on strong in the second half to win the game, 78-67.

A third doubleheader, Villanova vs. St. Joseph's coupled with a women's Big 5 game (to be announced), will be held at the Spectrum in February.

## Explorers Join MCC

On December 19, 1991, La Salle University announced that it would no longer pursue its affiliation with the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and would join the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC) for the 1992-93 academic year. The MCC is based in Indianapolis, Indiana, and consists of Butler, Dayton, Detroit Mercy, Duquesne (new member), Evansville, Loyola (Chicago), Notre Dame and Xavier. Notre Dame participates as a full member in all sports except men's basketball. However, the Irish will play each school once in men's basketball during the 1992-93 season. La Salle will participate in all 16 sports sponsored by the conference. "The similarity in academic and athletic philosophies shared by the current membership should be attractive to other private schools of this type," said Robert Mullen, Director of Athletics at La Salle. "The potential in areas of student recruitment, athletic marketing and television exposure, not only makes this move exciting for La Salle University, but it also makes expansion inevitable."



## Women's Basketball Team Scheduled To Host 13th Annual Days Hotel/La Salle Invitational Tournament

The women's basketball team will host the 13th Annual Days Hotel/La Salle Invitational Tournament on Monday, December 28th and Tuesday, December 29th. At this point, game times have yet to be officially confirmed.

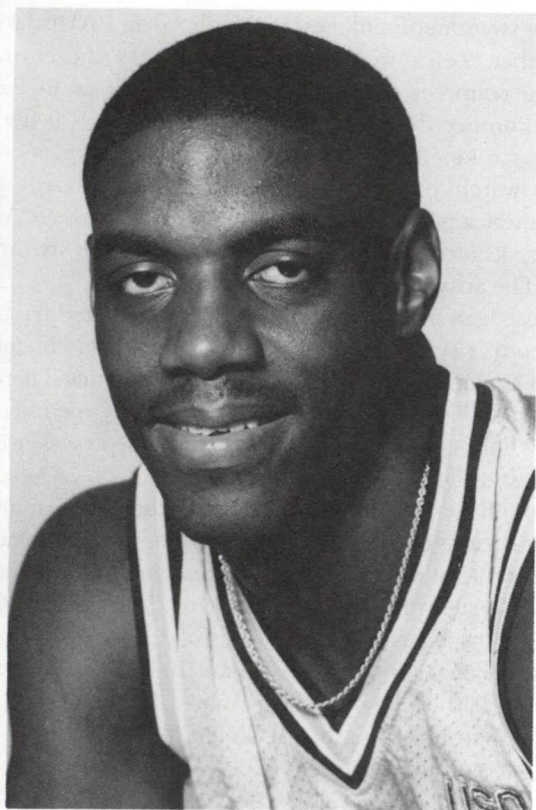
The format of the tournament this year has changed slightly. Instead of eight teams competing in a three-day span, the 1992 tournament will have four teams participating over two days. The tournament field includes Central Connecticut State, James Madison and Nebraska.

La Salle will be facing some stiff competition, especially against the Huskers of Nebraska. In the first round of the 1992 NWIT held in Amarillo, Texas, last March, Nebraska defeated La Salle by a point (79-78). The return of Karen Jennings (GTE Academic All-American Player of the Year), who hit the free throw with three seconds to play to post the win for the Huskers, does not bode well for the Explorers. Jennings also scored 31 points in the NWIT match-up.

In the 1991 tournament, La Salle defeated Colgate, Marquette and future conference rival Butler in the title game (75-71) to take the crown. It was the fourth time in his six years that La Salle Head Coach John Miller has guided his team to the championship. It was also the fourth time in the 12-year history of the tournament that La Salle swept all three. La Salle's top returnee, Jennifer Cole, (Valparaiso, IN) was named the 1991 tournament MVP.







Randy Woods

## Woods Drafted By Los Angeles Clippers

Men's basketball standout Randy Woods was selected as the Los Angeles Clippers first pick (16th overall) in the 1992 NBA Draft.

Woods posted impressive numbers last season, averaging 27.3 points per game and 6.3 rebounds per game enroute to receiving numerous basketball honors. Among the honors bestowed on Woods were MAAC Player of the Year, Philadelphia Big 5 Outstanding Player, Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American, Eastern Basketball District I Team, and USBWA District I Team. In addition, Woods claimed MAAC and ECAC Player of the Week honors on several occasions, and was named to several all-tournament teams throughout the season.

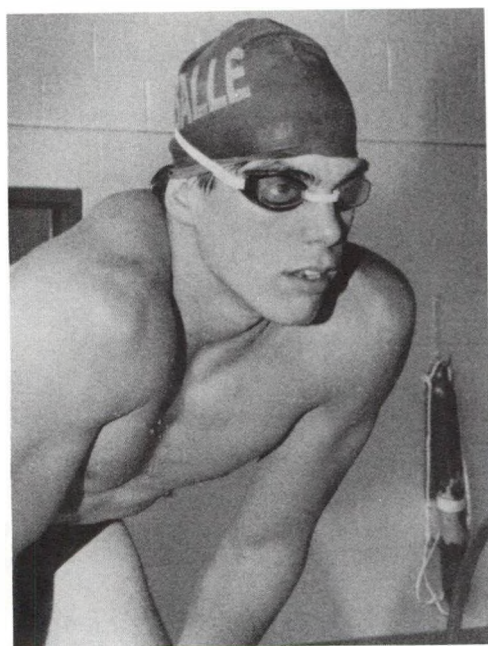
Woods became the first player in the history of the Big 5 to lead the city in scoring (847) and assists (160). Woods ended his career ranking fifth on the all-time scoring list (1,811 points), the most points scored by a three-year performer in the school's history; third on all-time steals list (220); second in three-pointers made (278); and tied for first in threes (789) with teammate Jack Hurd.

La Salle is distinguished as one of only five schools to have a player drafted by the NBA in each of the past three years. The other schools are Arizona, Georgia Tech, Louisiana State and Syracuse. Woods will be joining former teammate Lionel Simmons, the Sacramento Kings first pick (7th overall) in the 1990 draft, in the NBA Pacific Division for the upcoming season. Doug Overton, the Detroit Pistons only draft pick (40th overall) in the 1991 draft, rounds out the field, and is currently starring for the Illawarra Hawks in the National Basketball League of Australia.

## 1992-93 MCC CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

DATE	EVENT	SITE
Oct. 4-5	Men's Golf	Notre Dame
Oct. 17-18	Women's Tennis	Butler
Oct. 31	Men's/Women's Cross Country	Xavier
Nov. 5-8	Men's Soccer	Butler
Nov. 20-22	Women's Volleyball	Duquesne
Jan 22	Men's/Women's Indoor Track	Notre Dame
Feb. 25-27	Men's/Women's Swimming and Diving	La Salle
Mar. 8-10	Women's Basketball	Notre Dame
Mar. 11-13	Men's Basketball	Indianapolis, IN
Apr. 10-11	Men's Tennis	TBA
May 11-12	Softball	Butler
May 12-15	Baseball	Notre Dame





Frank Lescas

## Lescas Lives Olympic Dream

Senior swimmer Frank Lescas (Maple Glen, PA) had a summer to remember. Lescas represented Albania, as the entire men's swimming team, in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. He competed in the 50-meter freestyle, the 100-free and the 100-breaststroke under his adopted country's flag.

After watching the Winter Olympics, and learning of the Italian-Americans playing hockey for Italy, Lescas, an Albanian-American, decided to investigate the possibility of swimming for Albania. The answer was simple: YES.

Lescas began preparing for his much anticipated trip, practicing two hours per day, five to six times per week. His journey to Barcelona began on July 12 with a visit to Albania. There, Lescas and his father, Ted, met native Albanian family members for the first time. Following their stay in Albania, the Lescas' were off to Barcelona and the XXV Olympiad.

Although Lescas did not qualify for the finals in any of his events, his dreams of competing in the Olympics finally came true. Lescas joins the following La Salle graduates as Olympians: Joseph Verdeur, '50, swimming; John McIntyre, '50, crew; Al Cantello, '55, javelin; Ira Davis, '58, track and field; Stan Cwiklinski, '66, crew; Hugh Foley, '66, crew; William Belden, '70, crew; Diane Moyer, '80, field hockey; Michael Brooks, '80, basketball; Edwin Borja, '80, swimming; Kathy McGahey, '82, field hockey and Eric Buhain, '91, swimming.

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